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To: All Ambulance Providers

Transportation of Recipients Due to Hurricane Katrina

In response to the concerns by Ambulance providers regarding transportation of recipients from the path of Hurricane Katrina, the decision has been made that Medicaid will reimburse ambulance providers for the evacuation of the recipients from medical facilities and long term care facilities who cannot be transported by other means.

These services will be reimbursed as an emergency transport and should be billed as such. Appropriate procedure codes are A0427, A0433, A0434, Q3019, and the mileage code is A0425. The modifiers are HH (if from a hospital to a hospital), HN (hospital to a nursing facility), NH (nursing facility to a hospital) or NN (nursing facility to a nursing facility). A complete description is noted on page 8-10 & 8-11 of your provider billing manual.

Below is a sample:

Date of Service	Procedure Code	Modifier	Units
8/27/05	A0427	NN	1
8/27/05	A0425	NN	125

It must be documented in the recipient's medical record that this service was provided due to the necessary emergency evacuation because of Hurricane Katrina.

If you have any questions please call Carol Akin at 334-242-5580.

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